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AND ALTERNATES SALARIES

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1. GOVERNOR OF BANK OF THAILAND DR SANO UNAKUN INFORMED
ADCM JULY 29 HE HAD BEEN ON VERGE OF SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO
WASHINGTON VOTING AGAINST RESOLUTION WHICH PROVIDED FOR INCREASE
IN SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. HOWEVER,
AT LAST MINUTE HE WAS INFORMED MIN OF FINANCE SAWET HAD
ALREADY CABLED INSTRUCTIONS SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION.

2. SANO CONFIDED HE WAS QUITE EMBARRASSED AS HE SHARED USG
VIEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALARIES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED. HE
INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EMBARRASSED IF THIS
GLARING EXAMPLE OF AN UNCOORDINATED RTG HAD BECOME PUBLIC
KNOWLEDGE SHOULD HE HAVE VOTED IN OPPOSITION TO HIS FINANCE MINISTER.
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE MUST NOW CLOSE RANKS AND VITE WITH
SAWET.

3. BY WAY OF EXPLANATION FOR THE FINANCE MINISTRY'S DECISION
TO SUPPORT THIS ILL-CONCEIVED RESOLUTION, SANO RATHER LAMELY
STATED SAWET LEANS FAR TOO HEAVILY ON HIS STAFF AND
UNFORTUNATELY MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ARE SYMPATHETIC TO INCREASED
PAY FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

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